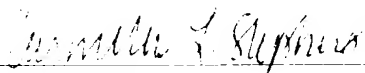


In response, Applicants elect to pursue the claims of Group I in this application without prejudice to the prosecution of the subject matter of non-elected claims in other patent applications. Applicants make their election with traverse, on the grounds that the claimed process of making certain compounds using a hydrolase of Group I and the compounds of Group II are conceptually linked, and would not require separate searches. Accordingly, Applicants request that the restriction requirement be reconsidered.

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